

**From:** [Canteenwala, Eric](#)  
**To:** ["Gillette, Maria@DTSC"](mailto:Gillette, Maria@DTSC)  
**Subject:** RE: WATER TESTING REQUEST - CARVER ELEMENTARY  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 08, 2015 8:58:00 PM

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Awesome work Maria. I have been out of the office for over a week and am currently sick. I am still working through the backlog of emails, but its great to see that you went onsite to Carver again.

Thank You,

-Eric

-----Original Message-----

From: Gillette, Maria@DTSC [<mailto:Maria.Gillette@dtsc.ca.gov>]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 12:03 PM  
To: Reyes, Deldi  
Cc: Canteenwala, Eric  
Subject: RE: WATER TESTING REQUEST - CARVER ELEMENTARY

Hello Deldi,

Thank you for responding to Robina on this specific water quality issue at the Carver Elementary School. Eric and I have been working with Robina since April 2015 to address her concerns regarding the environmental conditions at this school.

Carver Elementary School is located approximately 10 miles from DTSC's Region 4 office in the Garden Grove area of Orange County. After we received Robina's letter regarding the drinking water quality, I conducted a second visit to Carver ES on the afternoon of Monday August 24, 2015. I observed long trenches that appeared to be dug to replace the existing water pipelines. Eric and I spoke that afternoon, and he reported that the Garden Grove Unified School District confirmed their modernization work at Carver ES included replacement of the water pipelines.

I took some photos of the school on August 24th which I will upload tonight and send to you and Eric. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
Maria Gillette

-----Original Message-----

From: Reyes, Deldi [<mailto:Reyes.Deldi@epa.gov>]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 11:45 AM  
To: [robinasuwol@earthlink.net](mailto:robinasuwol@earthlink.net)  
Cc: Smith, Kim@DTSC; [dcapjane@aol.com](mailto:dcapjane@aol.com); [ana.mascarenas@gmail.com](mailto:ana.mascarenas@gmail.com); Dumisani, Malinda@EPA; Gillette, Maria@DTSC; Canteenwala, Eric; Li, Corine; Miller, Amy  
Subject: RE: WATER TESTING REQUEST - CARVER ELEMENTARY

Dear Robina,

Colleagues in our Water Division checked in with the State Board in response to your note below. The Board reports that the Golden State Water Company serving the Carver Elementary School is in compliance with federal and state drinking water requirements. The System is served by wells and the system has not fielded any complaints from the school. The nearest location of a complaint was a half mile away which was received after flushing was performed in the area to address color issues (not odor) from legacy iron and manganese in the system.

I understand from Eric Canteenwala who has been in communication with the school, that as part of their renovation, they have replaced all of the water pipes in the school.

Mark Johnson (714-399-1772 or [mjohnson@gswater.com](mailto:mjohnson@gswater.com)), the Water Quality Engineer for that system has offered to assist the school in flushing its system, if the school chooses to take that action. I'm happy to give Margie a call and let her know of this option.

Deldi Reyes

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-----Original Message-----

From: Robina [<mailto:robinasuwo1@earthlink.net>]  
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2015 12:28 PM  
To: Blumenfeld, Jared; [Barbara.lee@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Barbara.lee@dtsc.ca.gov)  
Cc: [kim.smith@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:kim.smith@dtsc.ca.gov); [dcapjane@aol.com](mailto:dcapjane@aol.com); [ana.mascarenas@gmail.com](mailto:ana.mascarenas@gmail.com); Reyes, Deldi; Malinda.Dumisani@calepa.ca.gov  
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Attention:

DTSC Director Barbara Lee  
USEPA Region IX Administrator Jared Blumenfeld

Re: Carver Elementary School  
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STANTON , CA 90680

Carver Elementary School is scheduled to open in the fall of 2015. The school will be serving students ages three-to five years old. A large number, according to calls, are severely disabled preschool students from environmental justice communities, and non-verbal. A Head Start preschool is also said to be relocating from a church location to the Carver site. I was advised the site will be exclusively serving preschool age children.

California Safe Schools has received a significant number of calls. The callers believe there are a significant amount of lead, arsenic, and other heavy metals present in Mabel Carver Elementary drinking water fountains and areas where these vulnerable children may wash their hands or faces. Callers concerns are based on the school being more than fifty years old, and foul odors from the water.

California Safe Schools is respectfully requesting that all drinking water fountains and areas dispensing water that could come in contact with students, teachers, and staff be tested immediately.

Thank you very much.

Kindest Regards,

Robina

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